

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 768

By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John William Cain of
Bristol, Virginia.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John William Cain; and

WHEREAS, John Cain was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Charlotte, North Carolina, Mr. Cain was the loving son of the late Ralph William and Lucylle Horner Cain; and

WHEREAS, an Eagle Scout and graduate of Bristol Virginia High School, John Cain proudly attended East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, he served his country in Vietnam as a member of the United States Army and was awarded the Bronze Star for his valiant efforts; and

WHEREAS, John Cain returned to Bristol, Virginia, with his wife, Ellen Kestler Cain, in 1987, when they purchased The Jewel Box; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his community, Mr. Cain served on the Board of Main Street Bristol; and

WHEREAS, he lent his innumerable talents as a member, president, and a Melvin Jones Fellow of the Bristol Host Lions Club; his many efforts did not go unnoticed as he was awarded the State Achievement Award by the Bristol Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, John Cain was an active and devout member of St. Anne Catholic Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cain enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Ellen, was the proud father of two daughters, Lisa Gross and husband, Daniel, and Jennifer Donohue and husband, Todd, and was a doting grandfather to Dustin, Madison, Calen, and Cooper; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his brother, Ralph Cain and wife, Laurie; and two nephews, Clinton and Bradley Cain; and

WHEREAS, John Cain leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John William Cain, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Cain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.